

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on September 21, 2012, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with the chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Paula Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:
District IV representative Paula Johnson- Board Chair
District III representative Leisa Askew - Vice-Chair
District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary
District I representative Sharon Argiro
District II representative Jenny Story
District V representative Esophia Clayborn
District VII representative James Ware

Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board arrived at 11:52 a.m. Executive Director, Rebecca Goodson, was present for the entire meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the July 13, 2012 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Leisa Askew made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Jenny Story seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Paula Johnson, Leisa Askew, Mandy Andrews, Sharon Argiro, Jenny Story and James Ware. Opposed: none. Abstaining from the vote: Esophia Clayborn.

Old Board Business:

- a. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board on the status of complaints. Two (2) new complaints were received. Three (3) are waiting on additional documents, two (2) complaints have settlement agreements pending, and six (6) complaints were closed.
- b. The CE Committee met and provided a suggested statement clarifying CE approval on the ABSWE website
- c. Leisa Askew made a motion to accept the CE Committee's recommendation. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Paula Johnson, Leisa Askew, Mandy Andrews, Esophia

- Clayborn, Jenny Story and James Ware. Opposed: none. Abstaining from the vote: Sharon Argiro
- d. The Board reviewed the agreement related to a complaint on Timothy Thrasher. Due to an error in the language, the agreement has to be re-done for Mr. Thrasher's signature.
 - e. The Board reviewed and discussed complaint against Ashley Weitzel. James Ware made a motion to accept disposition of the settlement with Ms. Weitzel. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Mandy Andrews, Esophia Clayborn, Jenny Story and James Ware. Opposed: none. Abstaining from the vote: Paula Johnson.
 - f. The Board reviewed and discussed the additional information provided by Bari Joy Williams. Sharon Argiro made a motion that Ms. Williams be allowed to take the exam. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Paula Johnson, Leisa Askew, Mandy Andrews, Sharon Argiro, Jenny Story and James Ware. Opposed: none. Abstaining from the vote: Esophia Clayborn
 - g. Sharon Argiro provided the Board with research on unresolved Board issues (i.e. LCSW diagnosis) for consideration as she is rolling off the Board.

New Board Business:

- a. Esophia Clayborn will present on Licensure at the Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference to be held October 11-12 at Alabama A&M University. Leisa Askew and Rebecca Goodson will plan to attend the ASWB Fall Meeting in November. Rebecca Goodson will be the Board's delegate and Leisa Askew will be the alternate.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed Personnel issues of the Board Office. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve a two-step probationary raise for Rebecca Goodson. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Leisa Askew made a motion to promote Ramona Smith to Executive Secretary and hire Karen McGuire as a retired state employee to be appointed as an ASA II when available. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d. The Board discussed items of interest presented by Executive Director Goodson. Paula Johnson made a motion that the Board votes in agreement with the ASWB proposed by-law changes and grants authorization for Rebecca Goodson to vote at Board elections. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PIP Applications:

- a. Robin Huebner-
Approved: Clinical Social Work and Social Casework
Denied: Community Organization and Social Work Administration
- b. Chad Knight -
Approved: Social Casework
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- c. Lynn McAdams -
Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
Denied: Social Work Administration
- d. Mary Molpus -
Approved: None
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- e. Angela Pugh-Antee -
Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Community Organization
Denied: Social Work Administration
- f. Dana Smallwood
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: Social Casework
- g. Mandy Wilhite-
Approved: Social Casework
Denied: Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration
- h. Other PIP Requests -
 - 1. Karen Blackwood - Denied Clinical Social Work
 - 2. Ross Hudson - Approved for Social Work Research
 - 3. Barry Ivker - Approved for Clinical Social Work
- i. Late PIP Requests -
 - 1. Amy Lewis -
Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
Denied: Community Organization
 - 2. Jane E. Ajaya - More information needed.

Other Requests:

- a. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request for CE waiver form Stephanie Duran. Leisa Askew made a motion to give Ms. Duran until the next board meeting to provide verification of CE. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. The Board reviewed, discussed and denied Jane Orton's request that a webinar be counted as face-to-face CE. The Board is unable to approve due to previously obtained Attorney General's opinion that does not allow electronic meetings to be considered face-to-face.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Jennifer Hughes-Wilson to reciprocate her licensure at the LGSW level. James Ware

made a motion that the Board approve Ms. Hughes' request. Sharon Argiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Legal Reviews

1. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Amy Kilpatrick. At 12:05 p.m. Paula Johnson moved to enter Executive Session for ten (10) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Jenny Story seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, Esophia Clayborn, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:09 p.m., Leisa Askew made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, Esophia Clayborn, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Leisa Askew made a motion to allow Ms. Kilpatrick to sit for the licensure exam. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, James Ware, Jenny Story, Esophia Clayborn, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Abstaining from the vote: Sharon Argiro.
2. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Laturner Muhammad. At 12:12 p.m. Paula Johnson moved to enter Executive Session for ten (10) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, Esophia Clayborn, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:16 p.m., Leisa Askew made a motion to rise from Executive Session. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, Esophia Clayborn, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. James Ware made a motion to allow Mr. Muhammad to sit for the licensure exam. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Late Renewal Requests

1. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied Linda Campbell's request for late renewal of PIP license.
2. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied Kimberly Williamon's request for renewal of her expired license.

f. Questions

1. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Mary Catherine Crews regarding conflict of interest. The Executive Director will respond to Ms. Crews.
2. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved a request from Leigh Johnson regarding diagnostic impressions.

3. The Board reviewed and discussed a question regarding scope of practice from Elizabeth Milowe.
- g. Recommendations
 1. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Allan Kaufman.
- h. Supervision Review
 1. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Charlotte Jenkins.
- i. Late Requests
 1. Renewal of Expired License
 - a. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Weldon P. Abercrombie for approval of an expired license.
 - b. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Monica A. Alzate for approval of an expired license.
 - c. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied a request from Anna Penelope Owen Dudley for approval of an expired license.
 2. Inactive to Active in a Day
 - b. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Lisa L. Pennington. Leisa Askew made a motion to allow Ms. Pennington to be moved to active status after the Board received documentation of required CE. Sharon Argiro seconded the motion. Leisa Askew amended the motion to define required CE as 5.25 hours plus 15 hours to reactivate. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board took a ten (10) minute break. The meeting reconvened at 11:14.

Paula Johnson left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Leisa Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Paula Johnson

Mandy Andrews